

21st **St Thomas RC Church, Sevenoaks**
Create in us, O God, a desire to *live simply* and sustainably to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom. May we be voices of the voiceless as we work together towards justice and peace for all.

22nd **The Society of Friends
Sevenoaks Christian Counselling Service**
We thank God for the serenity of silence and the gift of listening. Encourage us, Lord, to pause more often and listen to one another in patience and love. We ask a blessing on all who gather in Julian Groups, Prayer Cells, for Taizé-style worship and other forms of meditation.

23rd **Vine Evangelical
Vine Baptist**
We pray for people of all nationalities, races and religions within our community, that different customs may be respected and true harmony may exist between neighbours.

24th **Vineyard Church, Sevenoaks
Evangelical Church, Westerham**
We pray for all who work locally and all who travel to work elsewhere, that they may travel safely and seek the support of the Christian community around them when in need. We pray for the Seeds Group, that its work may bear fruit.

25th **St Giles, Shipbourne with Plaxtol**
We thank God for our food and pray that churches will play their part in supporting the needs of farming and other rural communities, at the mercy of weather and marketing conditions.

26th **St Peter and St Paul, Shoreham
St Edmund, West Kingsdown
St Bernadette RC, West Kingsdown**
We pray for doctors, nurses, health visitors and all who tend the needs of the sick, that the touch of God's healing hand may be felt through their skills and expertise. We pray too for those who manage and service our hospitals, that they may be safe places of healing.

27th **St Mary, Sundridge
St Mary, Ide Hill**
We thank God for the part children play in our worshipping communities. We pray for the children in our local schools and thank God for the dedication of the teachers who work with them, and for all who make up the school communities.

28th **St. George, Weald
Weald Methodist**
We pray for closer ecumenical relationships between churches. May we share our human and other resources to do better together than which we often seek to do alone.

29th **St Mary, Westerham
St John the Baptist, Westerham**
As each congregation and individual strives to know God's will, we pray that corporate and individual prayer life may be deepened to build a closer relationship with God to guide through the journey of life.

**30th Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District
NW Fellowship of Churches**
We pray that the work undertaken by the CTSD Executive, Group for Social Concern and the Events Committee may bear fruit, drawing together congregations and communities into one fellowship to the glory of God.

31st **Churches Together in Kent**
We pray that God will be worshipped and served with reverence and joy and that all who seek may find a spiritual home. May the Gospel be preached boldly, drawing more people towards a living faith, accepting Christ as Lord.

**My prayer is that
our fellowship with you as believers
will bring about a deeper understanding
of everything which we have
in our life in union with Christ.**
Philemon v.6



**Pray on every occasion,
as the Spirit leads.
For this reason,
keep alert and never give up;
pray always for all God's people**
Ephesians 6: v.18

This monthly Prayer Plan is offered as a means of uniting local Christians. Let us lift our concerns to God as we support one another and uphold the diverse Christian activities in this area. May God's name be honoured, his kingdom come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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**Lord, every day I call to you
and lift my hands to you in prayer**
Psalm 88: v.9

1st *Bessels Green Baptist
Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust (SAYT)*

We pray for all young people, that they may be encouraged to live healthy, purposeful lives in God's service; for the SAYT, Dunton Green Faithworks and all other ventures involving young people. We pray too for all youth leaders and supporters.

2nd *Church of the Good Shepherd, Boro' Green
St Joseph RC, Borough Green*

We pray for all babies and young children, their parents, grandparents, carers and other supporters; for all who lead toddlers play groups and worship sessions, that social inter-action may lead to lives of love and laughter in the name of Jesus.

3rd *St Martin, Brasted St Botolph, Chevening*

May our partnerships with churches far and wide bring a richer experience and deeper understanding of God's world, and the assurance that we belong to one worldwide family of God. We remember people known to us who are serving in other countries.

4th *Free Church, Dunton Green
Bethel Free Christian Fellowship, D. Green
Town Church, Sevenoaks*

We pray that all who meet in House, Alpha and other study groups may deepen their faith and become better equipped to serve God in every aspect of their lives.

5th *St Martin, Eynsford
with Farningham and Lullingstone*

We pray that more people will use their gifts in the life of our churches. We give thanks for all who give time and energy to voluntary work in the community.

6th *St Margaret, Halstead
St Katherine, Knockholt*

Lord, forgive our wastefulness and carelessness that harms and destroys the environment. Help us to be better stewards of God's creation and the earth's resources.

7th *St Peter , Ightham
The Literature Project*

Lord, may we receive greater understanding of the Bible and how to apply it to our discipleship. We pray for all literature projects and for those involved in Bible translation.

8th *St Mary, Kemsing
St Mary, Woodlands*

We acknowledge the part music plays in the life of our churches and thank God for all musicians and those who write words and music for worship, that through their skills people will continue to be drawn into Christian fellowship and service.

9th *Oxford Methodist*

"With Christ in our hearts, at the heart of the community" we give thanks for new premises and improved facilities as they open windows of opportunity to spread God's love. May all who walk through our doors be aware of God's presence and blessing.

10th *St Bartholomew, Otford
Holy Trinity RC, Otford*

We pray for new Christians and those recently confirmed, that they may continue to be nurtured in the faith and grow in Christian wisdom and stature. We pray too that those who have strayed from the fold may be encouraged to return.

11th *St Mary, Platt*

We pray that Christ will be part of all our work and all our leisure. May community contacts grow, drawing people into Christian fellowship and service. Help us to build each other up.

12th *St Mary, Riverhead
St John, Dunton Green*

We pray for police, ambulance and fire personnel, and all who face risk and danger in dealing with stressful situations and difficult people. We pray that chaplains ministering in many different work and leisure places may offer sensitive, supporting counsel.

13th *St Peter and St Paul, Seal*

Lord, we ask a blessing on all with physical and mental disabilities. We pray for all filled with hurt, grievances, anger or frustration or with guilt heavy on their shoulders. May they know God's grace of forgiveness and be helped through dark moments of life into the light of better days.

14th *St Lawrence, Seal Chart
St Margaret, Underriver*

We pray for the ministry of healing within our District. We pray for all who work in difficult conditions to help to relieve human misery and suffering, and for global awareness of the effects of climate change. We give thanks for the work of our local Christian Aid committee in raising awareness and money.

15th *United Reformed Church, Sevenoaks
Salvation Army*

We remember the disadvantaged members of our society, often treated without respect. We pray for the vulnerable, the homeless, the unemployed and all who are broken in body and spirit. May they receive hope through assistance, care and advice.

16th *The Drive Methodist, Sevenoaks*

We pray that all parents may face their responsibilities with courage and embrace family life with a strong bond of love. We pray too for single parents and their children, for 'Family Drive' and other organisations which seek to support them.

17th *St John the Baptist, Sevenoaks*

Lord, we pray that those in positions of church leadership, ordained and lay, will be faithful to their calling, lead their people towards dedicated discipleship and serve the community with compassion and understanding.

18th *St Luke, Sevenoaks*

We pray for all who work for or hold office in our District, Town and Parish Councils. May they may be guided to make decisions which will benefit the lives of all in the community.

19th *St Mary, Kippington*

Lord, we pray that all elderly people may be treated with dignity and respect. May all who care for them have patience and understanding, and we pray that more neighbours will befriend the housebound and others who live alone to relieve hours of loneliness. We pray too for all grieving the loss of family and friends.

20th *St Nicholas, Sevenoaks*

We ask God's blessing on all who are exploring new ways of 'being church', for The 4 o'clock Church at Lady Boswell's School and other outreach projects. We pray for all who journey forward through 'Fresh Expressions' and other initiatives.